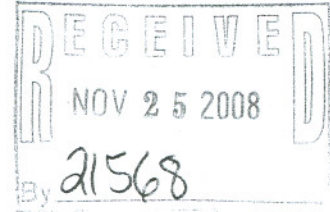


TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN

COUNTY OF WARREN



STATE OF NEW JERSEY



November 21, 2008

Eileen Swan, Executive Director
New Jersey Highlands Council
100 North Road
Chester, New Jersey 07930

Ms. Swan,

Enclosed is Resolution Number 2008-68 adopted by the Franklin Township Committee, Warren County, New Jersey, at a Special Meeting, Monday, November 17th, 2008.

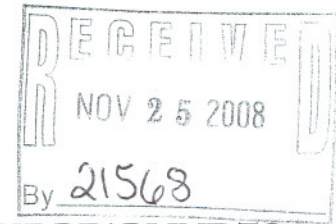
If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (908) 689-3994 x15.

Sincerely,

Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Cc: Council on Affordable Housing
Chuck McGroarty, Banisch Associates

RESOLUTION 2008-68



MUNICIPAL RESOLUTION SEEKING AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE TO PETITION FOR SUBSTANTIVE CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO EXECUTIVE ORDER 114 AND THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE HIGHLANDS COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING

WHEREAS, on September 5, 2008, Governor Corzine signed Executive Order 114 which requires the Council on Affordable Housing (COAH) and the New Jersey Highlands Council (Highlands) to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) designed to coordinate the regulations of both agencies by maximizing affordable housing opportunities while preserving critical environmental resources; and

WHEREAS, COAH and the Highlands have prepared such an MOU, which was adopted by COAH on October 29, 2008 and by the Highlands Council on October 30, 2008; and

WHEREAS, conformance with the Highlands Regional Master Plan (Plan Conformance) requires revisions to municipal and county master plans and development regulations as applicable to the development and use of land to align them with the goals, requirements, and provisions of the Regional Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, COAH regulations establish a December 31, 2008 deadline for municipalities currently under the jurisdiction of COAH to submit third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU establishes a procedure that municipalities under the jurisdiction of both COAH and the New Jersey Highlands Water Protection and Planning Act may follow to seek an extension to the December 31, 2008 deadline set by COAH for the submission of third round petitions for substantive certification of a municipal housing element and fair share plan; and

WHEREAS, the MOU provides for an extension of the December 31, 2008 deadline to December 8, 2009 for any Highlands municipality under COAH's jurisdiction that, before December 31, 2008: 1) submits a duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines; and 2) submits a duly adopted resolution notifying COAH of its intent to petition COAH no later than December 8, 2009; and

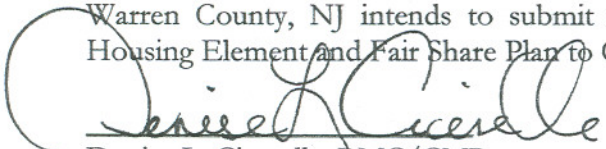
WHEREAS, on November 17, 2008 the governing body of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ adopted a resolution notifying the Highlands that Franklin Township has set December 8, 2009 as the target date for submission of a Petition for Plan Conformance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ hereby agrees that its deadline for the submission of a Housing Element and Fair Share Plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:96-16 is extended from December 31, 2008 to December 8, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ hereby directs its Municipal Clerk to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of this resolution to COAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ hereby directs to immediately transmit a signed and sealed copy of the November 17, 2008 duly adopted Notice of Intent to Petition in accordance with the Highlands Council's Plan Conformance Guidelines to COAH; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the governing body of the Township of Franklin, Warren County, NJ intends to submit a petition for substantive certification of a third round Housing Element and Fair Share Plan to COAH not later than December 8, 2009.



Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

On motion by Mark Blaszkas and seconded by Bonnie Butler the aforementioned **Resolution 2008-68** be adopted as read.

Roll Call Vote	Yes	No	Absent/Abstained
Mark Blaszkas	X		
Michael Toretta	X		
Jeffrey DeAngelis	X		
Mayor Bonnie Butler	X	(5) Yes	(0) Absent Motion Carried

I hereby certify the above to be a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Township Committee of the Township of Franklin on Monday, November 17, 2008.



Denise L. Cicerelle, RMC/CMR
Municipal Clerk

Dated: November 17, 2008